

REMARKS

Applicants timely requested rejoinder of non-elected claims 24-37, amended to include all of the limitations of product claim 1 which was subsequently allowed, in the Amendment filed March 4, 2009 (see page 11). However, claims 24-37 were canceled by means of an Examiner's Amendment in the Action attached to the Notice of Allowance dated May 19, 2009.

In a telephone conference of June 15, 2009 with the Examiner, the undersigned discussed cancellation of method claims 24-37, further noting that the canceled method claims recited all of the limitations of an allowed product claim and that rejoinder was requested in the Amendment of March 4, 2009. The undersigned further cited MPEP §821.04 relating to rejoinder. The Examiner indicated that because the claims were canceled in an Examiner's Amendment, the method claims may be added in an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

New claims 38-51 correspond to canceled claims 24-37, respectively, include all of the limitations of allowed product claim 1, and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 101, 102, 103, and 112. Entry, consideration, and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested and believed proper. MPEP 821.04(b).

Respectfully submitted,

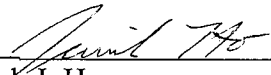
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